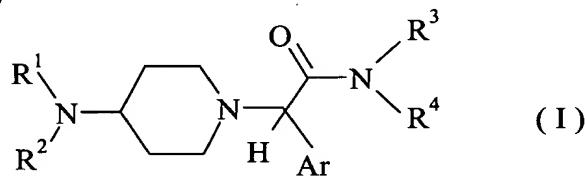


LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

A compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein

R¹ denotes 3-hydroxypropyl, 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkylmethyl,

R² denotes hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C₂-C₄-alkyl, 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkylmethyl,

Ar denotes unsubstituted phenyl or phenyl which is 1- to 5-substituted by halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-fluoroalkyl, C₁-C₄-fluoroalkoxy or -OCH₂O-;

R³ denotes phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, wherein the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, wherein the substituents independently of one another are selected from halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-fluoroalkyl, and C₁-C₄-fluoroalkoxy;

and

R⁴ denotes hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, CH₂COOH, -CH₂C(O)NH₂, -OH or phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl .

2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is C₁-C₄-alkyl.

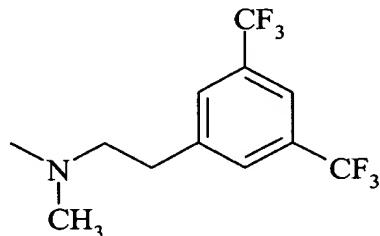
3. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar is unsubstituted phenyl or 2,3-methylenedioxyphenyl.

4. (Original): A compound according to claim 2, wherein Ar is unsubstituted phenyl or 2,3-methylenedioxyphenyl.
5. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ denotes 2-phenylethyl, where the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, wherein the substituents independently of one another are each selected from among halogen, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy.
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6. (Original): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R³ denotes 2-phenylethyl, where the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, wherein the substituents independently of one another are each selected from among halogen, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy.
7. (Original): A compound according to claim 3, wherein R³ denotes 2-phenylethyl, where the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, wherein the substituents independently of one another are each selected from among halogen, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy.
8. (Original): A compound according to claim 4, wherein R³ denotes 2-phenylethyl, where the phenyl group may be substituted by 1 to 3 substituents, wherein the substituents independently of one another are each selected from among halogen, hydroxy, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy.
9. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is 2-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)-ethyl.
10. (Original): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R³ is 2-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)-ethyl.

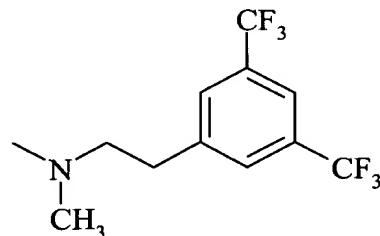
11. (Original): A compound according to claim 3, wherein R³ is 2-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)-ethyl.

12. (Original): A compound according to claim 4, wherein R³ is 2-(3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl)-ethyl.

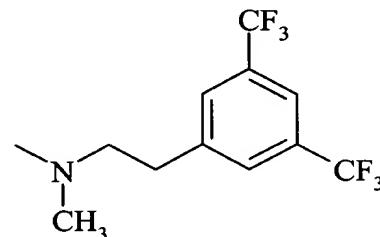
13. (Original): A compound according to claim 1, wherein the group -NR³R⁴ is



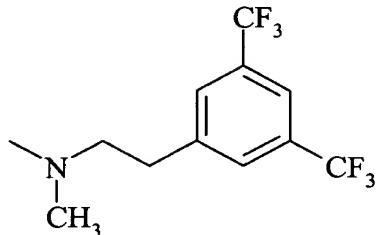
14. (Original): A compound according to claim 2, wherein the group -NR³R⁴ is



15. (Original): A compound according to claim 3, wherein the group -NR³R⁴ is



16. (Original): A compound according to claim 4, wherein the group -NR³R⁴ is



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Claims 17-20 (Cancelled)

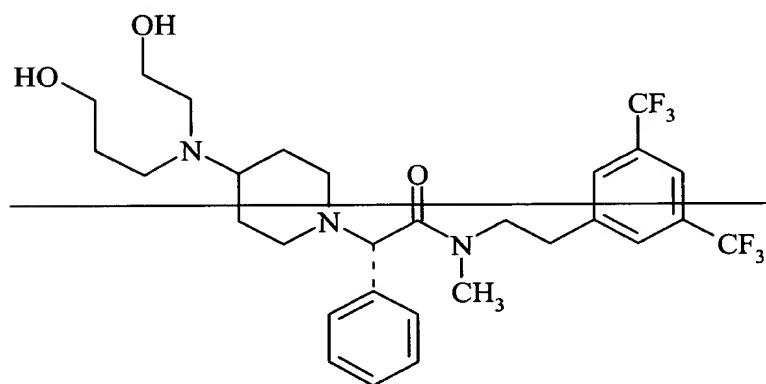
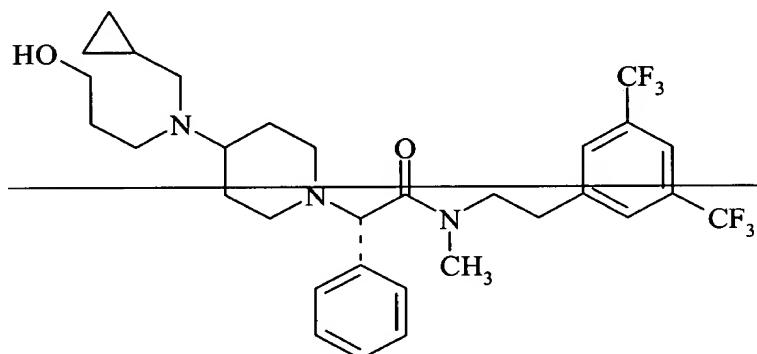
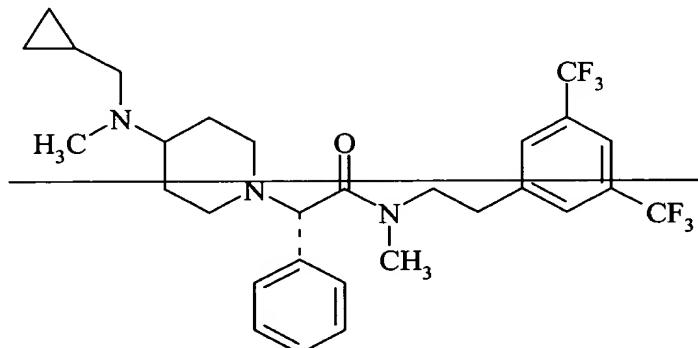
21. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ denotes a ~~3-hydroxypropyl or 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl group~~, and R² denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃-alkyl group or a 2-hydroxyethyl group.

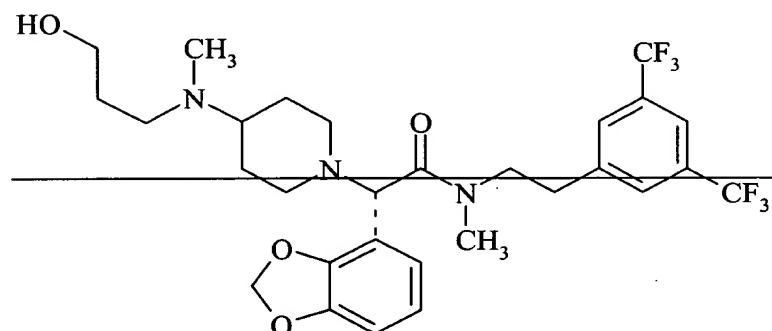
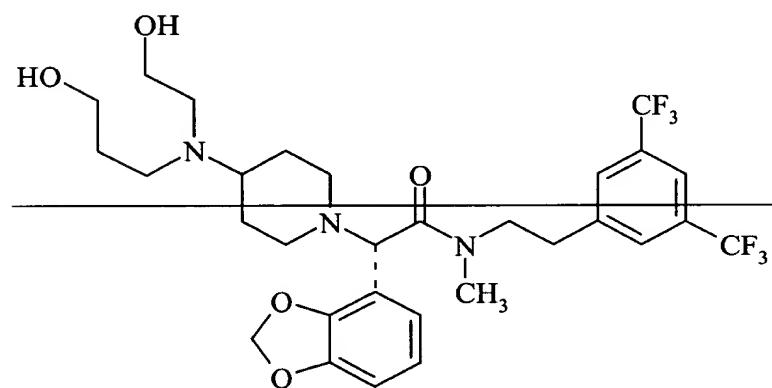
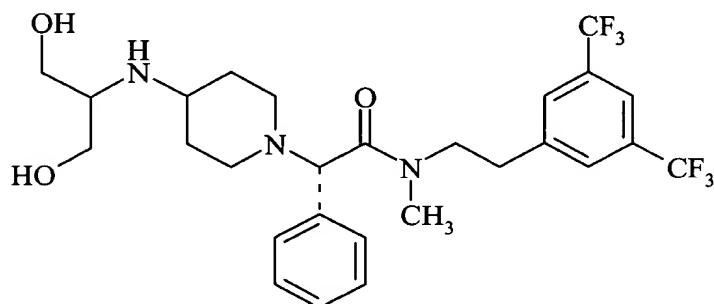
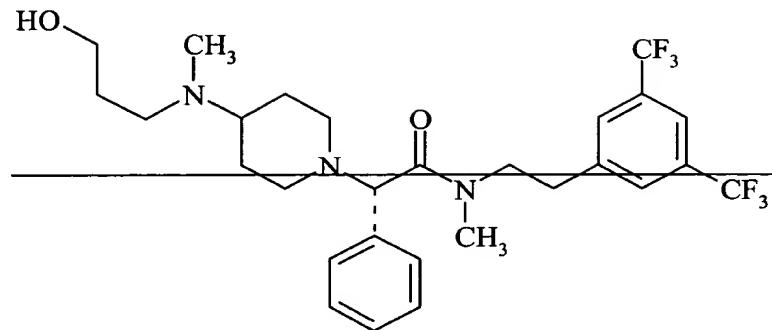
22. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ denotes a ~~3-hydroxypropyl or 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl group~~, and R² denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃-alkyl group or a 2-hydroxyethyl group.

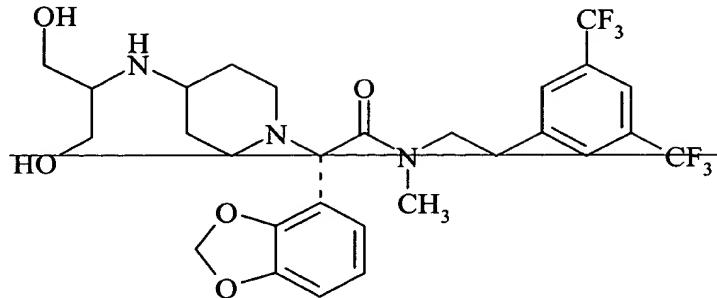
23. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 3, wherein R¹ denotes a ~~3-hydroxypropyl or 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl group~~, and R² denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃-alkyl group or a 2-hydroxyethyl group.

24. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 4, wherein R¹ denotes a ~~3-hydroxypropyl or 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl group~~, and R² denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₃-alkyl group or a 2-hydroxyethyl group.

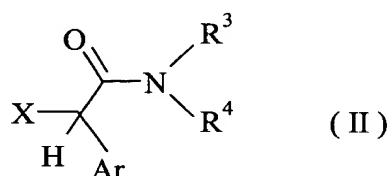
25. (Currently Amended): A compound according to claim 1, selected from having the following compounds formula:





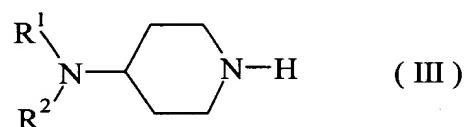


26. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula I according to claim 1, said process comprising reacting an amide of formula II



wherein Ar, R³ and R⁴ are as defined in claim 1 and X denotes a suitable leaving group,

with a piperidine of formula III



wherein R¹ and R² are as defined in claim 1, in an inert solvent in the presence of a base.

27. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and excipients.

28. (Withdrawn): A method of treating a neurokinin-mediated illness comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

29. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 28, wherein the illness treated is selected from inflammatory and allergic conditions of the airways, eyes, skin, the gastro-intestinal tract, joints, bones and bladder; and central nervous system diseases.

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30. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 28, wherein the illness treated is selected from the following:
asthma, chronic bronchitis, hyperreactive airways, emphysema, rhinitis, COPD, pulmonary hypertension, cystic fibrosis, coughs; conjunctivitis, iritis; dermatitis in contact eczema, neurodermatitis, pruritus, urticaria, psoriasis, sunburn, burns, insect bites, rosacea, itching, sensitive or hypersensitive skin; gastric and duodenal ulcers, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable colon, Hirschsprung's disease, motility problems; rheumatoid arthritis, reactive arthritis, arthrosis, osteoporosis and Reiter's syndrome; irritable bladder, incontinence, urinary urgency, urethritis, colic and cystitis; restless leg syndrome; dementia, Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, psychoses, anxiety states, alcohol or drug dependency, sexual dysfunctions, eating disorders, depression, headaches, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, stroke; Herpes zoster, postherpetic pain, tumors, collagenoses, a dysfunction of the deferent urinary tracts, haemorrhoids, nausea and vomiting, and pain.

31. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 29, wherein the illness is selected from: COPD, anxiety states and depression.

32. (New) A compound having the following formula:

